Adverse impact on environment and health due to pollution

2125. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government agree that phenomenal growth of industries in non-conforming areas in Delhi has led to a severe adverse impact on the environment of Delhi and health of the residents;

(b) if so, whether air pollution is responsible for the emergency hospitalisation of patients with breathing and heart problems; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken or are taking to save people from adverse impact of pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) According to the Central Pollution Control Board, the ambient levels of Sulfur Dioxide and Oxides of Nitrogen are well within the prescribed norms on annual average basis except particulates in the residential areas of Delhi. The study entitled "Outdoor Air Pollution and Emergency Room Visits at a Hospital in Delhi" carried out by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, indicates manifestations of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. However, due to various confounding factors, no conclusive data could be established indicating corelationship between air pollution and consequential health impacts.

(c) The steps taken for control of environmental pollution include formulation of Comprehensive Policy for Abatement of Pollution, supply of improved auto-fuel, tightening of vehicular and industrial emission norms, mandatory environmental clearance for specified industries, management of municipal & bio-medical wastes, promotion of cleaner technologies, strengthening net-work of air & water quality monitoring stations, assessment of pollution load and source apportionment studies, preparation and implementation of action plans for major cities & critically polluted areas.

Loss of trees and forest due to Delhi Metro Railway

2126. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trees felled and cut down and the forest area cleared in connection with Delhi Metro Railway, area-wise;

(b) whether environmental clearance for the project had been obtained and the total estimated loss of trees and forest area involved;

(c) on what conditions clearance was given, if any; and

(d) the number of trees planted, transplanted or replanted to make good the loss, and replacement social forestry created or planned to be created in this context?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) to (c) The Rail Base Transport System such as Delhi Mass Rapid Transport System (DMRTS) do not require environmental clearance. Diversion of 0.38 ha. of forest land has been approved for the construction of diaphragm wall which involved felling of 310 trees. 9555 other trees have also been felled. In all 9865 trees were felled. The details are given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(d) 1,07,500 saplings have been planted and 2839 trees have been transplanted.

Statement

Loss of trees and forest due to Delhi Metro Railway

Area wise details of trees felled

Sr. No.	Area	Number of Trees felled
1	Trinagar	213
2	Pritampura	586
3	Patel Raod-Kirti Nagar Road	765
4	Kirti Nagar-Uttam Nagar	845
5	Uttam Nagar-Dwarka	506
6	Najafgarh Depot	118
7	Shahdra	140
8	Seelam Pur, Shastri Park etc.	377
9	Gautam Puri and Shastri Park	199
10	Shahdra	1666
11	ISBT Station Area	45
12	ISBT to Shahdra	646

Sr. No.	Area	Number of Trees felled
13	Tis Hazari, Tri Nagar	95
14	DO	9
15	Tis Hazari	49
16	Delhi main Old Secretariat etc.	105
17	Do	87
18	Do	50
19	Mall Road	9
20	Western Bank of Yamuna	45
21	Old Secretariat Delhi	680
22	Delhi main	248
23	Mall Road	1
24	Magazine Road	2
25	Old Secretarial and Cabinet Sectt.	501
26	Bank of Yamuna	8
	NS Metro Corridor, New Delhi	
27	Railways Station	68
28	Shyam Nath Marg	2
29	Mall Road	9
30	Shyam Nath Marg	5
31	Rajender Prasad Marg	4
32	Timar Pur Crossing	31
33	V.V. Station, Mall Road	2
34	Mall Road	46
35	Shyam Nath Marg	11
36	Bhavbhooti Marg	1
37	Delhi Vidhan Sabha	46
38	V.V. Station works	10
39	Khalsa College	43
40	Shyam Nath Marg, ISBT Park	112
41	Shyam Nath Marg	13
42	Mall Road	2
43	Mall Road	22
44	Mall Road	47
45	Janpath	17
46	Ajmeri Gate	3
47	Khyber Pass	5

Sr. No.	Area	Number of Trees felled
48	Connaught Place, Rafi Marg	63
49	Mall Road	3
50	Shahdra (makki sarai)	11
51	V. V. Station	27
52	Civil Lines	2
53	Mall Road	8
54	Mall Road	20
55	ISBT	3
56	Connaught Place, Pachkuian Road	371
57	Khyber Pass	728
58	Mall Road	21
59	S.N. Marg	2
60	I.P. College	21
61	Khalsa College	17
62	Khalsa College	6
63	ISBT	57
64	Khyber Pass	11
TOTAL		9865

Legalizing wildlife products

2127. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the owners of wildlife products can legalise the possession of these items under any amnesty provided by Government;

(b) if so, what are the complete details thereof with the name of wildlife products;

(c) whether Government have issued a notification on 18th April, 2003 laying down the rules for amnesty to declare and legalise wildlife products; and

(d) if so, the complete details of the notification and how many persons have legalised their wildlife products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As